

Hi Fans,

And many thanks from Richard for the lovely birthday cards and gifts. He celebrated his 27th birthday at home Sunday evening with a small group of intimate friends, including good friend Allen Osmond. Two days later K & R were on their way to Portland Maine to start another tour. Our last N.L. left them in Tacoma, Wash. so there's a lot of catching up to do. We pick them up now in Corvallis, Ore. where sound system troubles had flown right along with them to bug their concert. Their hotel there, an hour's drive from the concert hall was so near a railroad track the trains shook them awake every time one passed by. Occasionally, in the course of conversation, K will say things backward or twist the words a little. The first time this happened to her in concert was in Pullman, Wash. She meant to say "We've had a great time. We hope you have, too." It came out "We hope you too have." Of course she cracked up and so did the audience. She laughed so hard she could hardly sing her serious closing number "We've Only Just Begun". They allowed themselves a very rare treat there - an ice cream Sundae. (They're diet conscious and don't indulge too often. In the ice cream parlor where they were enjoying their treats, they naturally had numerous fans approach them and request their autographs, but one woman asked them WHY everyone wanted their autographs!!! The really great audience in Bozeman, Mont. compensated for the barn-like concert hall that gave them sound troubles. They were given four standing ovations. It was in a Bozeman restaurant that joker Bill Skiles sauntered in wearing a miner's hat and proceeded to read the menu by the light of the attached lamp! Enroute to Missoula one of the trucks got 2 flat tires so consequently, didn't arrive at the concert hall until 6:00 P.M. In setting up their equipment that evening the movements of the Roadies must have been reminiscent of the very early Keystone Kop flicks - quick, quick quick! By 7:30 the truck was unloaded and the stage was ready for concert! That must have been some kind of record. Hats off to the Roadies for one fine job. After the concert K & R enjoyed a very tasty meal and relaxed in very lovely rooms which overlooked a beautiful river. Twin Falls, Idaho brought back fond memories to R & K. It was there they gave their very first concert over 2 years ago. They played then to an audience of 400 people. This time there were over 6000! Even the weather set out a WELCOME BACK sign for them in the shape of old man sun. They took time there to relax outdoors and acquire a lovely tan. There were more sound troubles in San Diego. (Drat that TWA. The sound board hasn't been working right since they dropped it.) But in spite of the annoyance the audience was truly great - very responsive. The drive from the Carpenter home in Downey to San Diego is a very lovely one and R was happy for the chance to drive his Ferrari down & back. The huge arena they played in there is large enough for 2 events to go on simultaneously and they discovered that the other half of the arena was being set up for the TV show "Wide World of Sports" to be taped the next day. R also drove his little red car to their gig in Bakersfield where they enjoyed playing golf in part of the auditorium before presenting their concert. They enjoy doing local concerts where they can do their own driving so they were happy to make a return engagement to Fresno, Cal., too. The eight San Carlos shows were sold out and it was their first experience working on a revolving stage which is terrific for the audience. It gives everyone a chance to see the performers. But for those on stage it is something else. The stage lights are very close to the performers and they are very bright and very very HOT. Need I say more? Misfortune struck Pete here, when in the middle of his act his bass broke. Each night Bill made a zany entrance for his appearance with K in the Johnny Angel number and no 2 shows were ever alike. One show he appeared as a cowboy, another, a skin diver, and perhaps the craziest of all was the appearance he made attired in garment size plastic bags not unlike those used by cleaning establishments. He'd come flying down the aisle on a bicycle or drive nonchalantly to the stage in a golf cart hitting fake (soft cloth) golf balls from the aisle into the audience. The 2 shows a day there afforded them the luxury of eating their dinner before midnight as they managed to eat between shows. This takes them through May. Next Newsletter will find them in Acapulco, Mexico where they went to do two concerts for an IBM salesmen convention. Their stay there was to be the only vacation they were to get this year and they did enjoy their 10 day stay in their beautiful surroundings there.

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